



2016 ALASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

General Guidelines and Instructions

Nomination

The candidate should:

- Be employed as a teacher in any state-approved or accredited school, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve;
- Have exceptional dedication, knowledge, and skills;
- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues;
- Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school; and
- Be poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule.

Nominations can be made by colleagues, parents or community members no later than Friday, **May 1, 2015**. You may submit nominations via fax: 907-269-5070, email: Atiya.barlow@alaska.gov or mail: 344 West 3rd Ave., Suite 127, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Districts that already have a District Teacher of the Year Program in place are still able to submit their nomination using those procedures. Individuals may self-nominate by completing the application.

Approval/Notification

The state coordinator will contact the principal and superintendent within the month of May. Each nominee and/or applicant is a representative of their district and all the teachers within it. Therefore, nominations must have both the principal's and superintendent's signature of approval. After district approval, the nominee will be sent the application. **Monday, August 31, 2015** is the application deadline.

Pre-Screening/Interview Process

A committee of educators will be formed to review and score the applications. Applicants will be ranked based on their education history and personal development, professional biography, community involvement, and philosophy of teaching. Additional consideration will be given to their view on educational issues and trends, the teaching profession, and what their message would be if selected as National Teacher of the Year.

The top ranked applicants will be interviewed in-person. The teacher of the year will be chosen based on their application along with their interview.

National Teacher of the Year Deadline

Alaska's Teacher of the Year will be nominated for the National Teacher of the Year Program. That deadline is Tuesday, November 3, 2015.